

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes to the referenced specification paragraphs:

[17] The light source 18 is mounted directly to the moving light guide 16. This increases the brightness or light intensity available to illuminate the light guide 16. Preferably, the light source 18 is mounted at one end of the light guide 16. The light source 18 receives power from a circuit board 20 through a non-contact coupling, shown generally at 22. The circuit board 20 includes electronics ~~25~~ 24 that are used to control various operating conditions of the light guide 16 and the light source 18. The circuit board 20 is mounted to a stationary or fixed vehicle structure 14.

[18] Preferably, the non-contact coupling 22 is an electromagnetic coupling. A motor 24 is mounted to the fixed vehicle structure 14 and includes a motor output shaft 26 that is mounted to the light guide 16. Preferably, the light guide 16 includes a mounting portion 28 with an opening 30 that receives an end of the motor output shaft 26 in an interference fit, however, other attachment methods could also be used.

[23] As discussed above, the light guide 16 illumination comes directly from the light source 18 that is incorporated into the light guide 16. The rotating coil 32 powers the light source ~~18~~ 16, which is part of the light guide 16 assembly. The rotating coil 32 picks up power from the non-rotating coil 34 mounted on the circuit board 20 through the electromagnetic coupling 22 when alternating current goes through the non-rotating coil 34. The alternating

current is delivered to the non-rotating coil 34 by the electronics ~~25~~ 24-mounted on the circuit board ~~20~~ 24.

[27] Preferably, the textured surface 62 is formed on a lower external surface 64 of the body 56, facing the dial 12. The textured surface 62 is preferably comprised of a plurality of prisms 66. The distance between immediately adjacent prisms 66 decreases from the first end 58 to the second end 60 of the body 56. In other words, the distance between adjacent prisms 66 near the first end 58, see D1, is greater ~~less~~-than the distance between adjacent prisms 66 near the second end 60, see D2. This provides even illumination along the body at the second end 60, which is further away from the light source 18. It should be understood that while the use of the textured surface 62 eliminates the need for painting, the subject invention could still use the painting process instead of using the textured surface 62.

[29] The subject provides an active light guide system by utilizing an electromagnetic coupling 22 between the light source 18 and the circuit board 20. One of the benefits with the subject invention is that mechanical connections between the light source ~~18~~ 16 and the circuit board 20 are eliminated while still providing a sufficiently bright light at the light guide 16. Further, even illumination is provided by using a textured lower surface 64; and similar illumination, regardless of light guide 16 length, is achieved by varying roughness of the upper external surface ~~70-roughness~~. This eliminates the need for a painting process. Although a preferred embodiment of this invention has been disclosed, a worker of ordinary skill in this art would recognize that certain modifications would come within the scope of this invention. For

that reason, the following claims should be studied to determine the true scope and content of this invention.